

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS  
27 January, 1976

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9:30 CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Nomination of Members to the Joint Committee on Landmarks.

B. Design Studies for Pennsylvania Avenue between 13th and 15th Streets, N.W. and Pershing Memorial Site.

10:00 ADMINISTRATION

A. Dates of next meetings: 18 February, 1976  
17 March, 1976.

B. Minutes of November, 1975 Meeting.

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D. Pending D.C. Legislation on Subdivision of Historic Properties - Report.

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LEGISLATION

A. S. 1847, 94th Congress (Enrolled Bill), "To authorize the One Hundred and First Airborne Division Association to erect a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs."



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B. H.R. 10485, 94th Congress, "To amend Title 5, United States Code, to prohibit maintenance of local offices by executive agencies, and for other purposes."

INSPECTION

Freer Gallery

Inspection of Objects for Acquisition.



REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

27 January, 1976

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <u>PROJECT</u>                                                                                                                                        |
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| OG 76-56   | 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W.<br>1055 Thomas Jefferson Association                                                                                                                                                                          | 1'6" x 7'0" entrance sign and 1'6" x 4'8" exit sign, internally lighted, black with white copy; and two natural wood panels, white copy, 2'0" x 1'8". |
|            | ACTION: Issue permit for wooden signs only. Metal parking signs not recommended in conjunction with other graphics for building. Suggest parking signs be restudied in wood without logo and set back 4" from front wall. 12/11/75               |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 69         | 1054 31st Street, N.W.<br>Georgetown Inland                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Install two single-faced internally lighted plexiglas letter displays 2'0" x 6'0" on sides of columns at garage entrance.                             |
|            | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Returned for additional information. Submit photos or drawing showing existing conditions and signs on building. Sign touching front facade line not recommended. 12/11/75                                          |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 70         | 1039 31st Street, N.W.<br>Yes! Incorporated                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Repair existing paving and add one storage room at rear of site to match adjoining property.                                                          |
|            | ACTION: Issue permit. 11/26/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 71         | 1422 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.<br>Harry Dalinsky                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Install sign on face of building and repaint existing building.                                                                                       |
|            | ACTION: Issue permit for Roman serif letters, suggest trim strip on transom to completely block glass above sign. 12/3/75                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 72         | 3265 Prospect Street, N.W.<br>Booeymonger                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Canvas awning over door.                                                                                                                              |
|            | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Submission is not adequate. Photos are not clear. Exact location of proposed awning on facade is not shown, in particular the awning head in relation to top of bay, corner, etc. No objection to concept. 11/26/75 |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 73         | 1054 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W.<br>Edward S. Florkoski, Jr.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Modification of one exterior door. Placement of awning with name of store thereon.                                                                    |
|            | ACTION: Issue permit. 11/28/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                       |





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| OG 76-74   | 3040 M Street, N.W.<br>Canal Square Associates                                                                                                                                                                                               | Erect metal canopy at side entrance; erect wood louvers at front and side window openings, paint first floor. |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 11/26/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                               |
| 75         | 2903 M Street, N.W.<br>Noreen Daly                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Install 7" high matte brown finish letters on cream-colored fascia, which matches building.                   |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 11/26/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                               |
| 76         | 3057 M Street, N.W.<br>Gregory Papanolis                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Cut-out letters attached to face of building.                                                                 |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 11/26/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                               |
| 77         | 3000-3026 M Street, N.W.<br>Gus Levathes                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Raze building and retaining wall on lot 68; raze crude concrete structure on lot 856.                         |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit for demolition of parking structure, gas station, and retaining wall. Suggest re-tention of landscaping and brick screen wall as long as possible. 12/11/75                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
| 78         | 3800 Reservoir Road, N.W.<br>Georgetown University Hospital                                                                                                                                                                                  | New parking garage for 680 cars (resubmission refer to OG 76-123).                                            |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. Submit landscape plan when ready. 12/11/75                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
| 79         | 1535 28th Street, N.W.<br>M & Z Properties                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Erect new brick residence (resubmission refer to OG 75-171).                                                  |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 12/11/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                               |
| 80         | 1533 28th Street, N.W.<br>M & Z Properties                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Erect new brick residence (resubmission refer to OG 75-172).                                                  |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 12/11/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                               |
| 81         | 3299 M Street, N.W.<br>Peter Ball                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Internal alterations for conversion to restaurant, exterior alterations within existing building lines.       |
| ACTION:    | Do not issue permit. Proposed use of public space not recommended. Character of proposed design not recommended for this building. Suggest restudy within limits of existing masonry openings and the original parts of their trim. 12/11/75 |                                                                                                               |



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| OG 76-82   | 3248 N Street, N.W.<br>Leo Bernstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Removal of air conditioners and water tower. Install new package unit and water tower (package unit to be inside in mechanical room where old air conditioners are). |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit for mechanical unit concealed with extension of existing fence. 12/11/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 83         | 1211 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.<br>Monolith Enterprises                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Preliminary: complete alteration of store front.                                                                                                                     |
| ACTION:    | Do not issue permit. No objection to removal of first floor show windows and door. No objection to rearrangement of front stair to include planting area. Recommend against profusion of bright colors. 12/11/75                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 84         | 1631 34th Street, N.W.<br>G. Van Arkel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Enclose existing open terrace for a sun room; add new fireplace and chimney.                                                                                         |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 12/23/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 85         | 3345 M Street, N.W.<br>Eagle Winé & Liquor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5' projecting awnings over show windows.                                                                                                                             |
| ACTION:    | Do not issue permit. Recommend shed type awning with a simple valence. 12/23/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 86         | 1563 33rd Street, N.W.<br>Joseph D. & Frances S. Marsh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Excavate window well, enlarge cellar windows, install drain and railing.                                                                                             |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 12/23/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 87         | 3000 M Street, N.W.<br>Gus Levathes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Construction of hotel/office/commercial complex.                                                                                                                     |
| ACTION:    | Recommend further study of facades with particular attention to fenestration of hotel structure, as well as arcaded commercial buildings. Request accurate scale model of block showing relation of proposed structures to existing conditions. Model should include at least area from canal north to M Street and 30th Street to Thomas Jefferson Street. 12/23/75 |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 88         | 3108 Q Street, N.W.<br>Donald Jeffries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Erect masonry garage/storage building.                                                                                                                               |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. Request submission of brick sample. 12/23/75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |



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| NO.                                  | ADDRESS AND OWNER                                                                                     | PROJECT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| OG 76-                               | 1211 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.                                                                           | Alteration to front of building (resubmission refer to OG 76-83).                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 89                                   | Monolith Enterprises                                                                                  | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Request additional study of facade carrying line of second floor windows down to grade, eliminating curved glazing and recessed door. This study will be considered together with revised study presented 12/22/75 as alternate possibilities. 12/23/75 |
| 90                                   | 1409 28th Street, N.W.                                                                                | New steel beam at rear wall, new stairs, internal alterations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| ACTION:                              | Bruce Carson                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                      | Issue permit. 1/14/76                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 92                                   | 1342 28th Street, N.W.                                                                                | Remove section of exterior wall (8'10" x 6'8") facing 28th Street. Construct new overheard door, architrave, and driveway with curb cut. Preliminary design.                                                                                                                         |
| Robert B. Wallace                    | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Suggest restudy to match existing door in height and simplicity. 1/14/76 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 95                                   | 1115 30th Street, N.W.                                                                                | Banner 2'6" x 20'7".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| National Rural Utilities Cooperative | Finance Corporation                                                                                   | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Oversized sign not recommended. 1/14/76                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



# REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>PROJECT</u>                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| SL 76-18   | 3237 Virginia Avenue, N.W.<br>Richard Naing                                                                                                                                                                                     | Remove central brick column under front porch and replace with lolly column. Install sliding glass door in rear of house. Install wrought iron railing on front porch. New garage door. |
|            | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Request elevation drawing showing proposed changes to porch (this information was requested, but was never received). 12/18/75                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 20         | 2804 Jennifer Street, N.W.<br>Covell Builders, Inc.                                                                                                                                                                             | New dwelling as per attached plans.                                                                                                                                                     |
|            | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Vertical wood-type siding on upper rear walls near roofs is wholly out of keeping with "mansart", winocow spacings, and adjacent materials. Restudy and submit brick and shingle samples. 11/26/75 |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 21         | 502 23rd Street, N.W.<br>Union First National Bank                                                                                                                                                                              | Signs.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|            | ACTION: Issue permit. 11/26/75                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 22         | 740 15th Street, N.W.<br>Union First National Bank                                                                                                                                                                              | Signs.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|            | ACTION: Issue permit. 11/26/75                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 23         | 1329 E Street, N.W.<br>Union First National Bank                                                                                                                                                                                | Signs.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|            | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Recommend elimination of bright blue internally illuminated sign facing Pennsylvania Avenue and the District Building. Recommend brown and white scheme. 11/28/75                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 24         | 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.<br>Union First National Bank                                                                                                                                                                     | Signs.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|            | ACTION: Do not issue permit. Bright blue, internally illuminated sign not recommended facing White House. Recommend brown and white scheme. 11/28/75                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                         |





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| SL 76-<br>25 | 901 Water Street, S.W.<br>Flagship Restaurant                                        | Concrete, two-level open garage structure. One level to be 3' below grade, other to be 5' above grade. Upper level to be screened by light-weight gray colored panels and extensive planting. |
| ACTION:      | Issue permit for parking structure with wooden screen on upper level.                | 12/23/75                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 26           | 1329 E Street, N.W.<br>Union First National Bank<br>ACTION: Issue permit.            | Reface signs (resubmission refer to SL 76-23).                                                                                                                                                |
| ACTION:      | 12/23/75                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 27           | 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.<br>Union First National Bank<br>ACTION: Issue permit. | Reface signs (resubmission refer to SL 76-24).                                                                                                                                                |
| ACTION:      | 12/23/75                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 31           | 2804 Jennifer Street, N.W.<br>Covell Builders, Inc.                                  | Erect new dwelling (resubmission refer to SL 76-20).                                                                                                                                          |
| ACTION:      | Issue permit.                                                                        | 12/18/75                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 32           | 2615 Woodley Place, N.W.<br>American War Mothers                                     | Enclose rear porch (resubmission refer to SL 76-17).                                                                                                                                          |
| ACTION:      | Issue permit.                                                                        | Paint plywood to match brick.                                                                                                                                                                 |
|              |                                                                                      | 1/13/76                                                                                                                                                                                       |



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS  
27 January, 1976

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present: Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman  
Hon. Nicolas Arroyo  
Hon. Chloethiel Woodard Smith  
Hon. Edward D. Stone, Jr.  
Hon. George A. Weymouth

Staff Present: Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary  
Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary  
Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson  
Mr. J. L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.  
Mrs. Sue A. Kohler  
Mrs. Nancy N. Lusher  
Mr. David L. Miller

National Capital Planning  
Commission Staff Present: Mr. Robert Gresham

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Nomination of Members to the Joint Committee on Landmarks. The Secretary told the members that several positions on the Joint Committee had become available, two through death and several through normal time lapse. Some of the appointments had been unfilled for a year. The Secretary suggested that the Commission officially forward several names to the District Government and the National Capital Planning Commission so that the joint partners of the Landmarks Committee could insure a full complement of members. The recommendations were as follows: 1. Henry Brylawski, the present Chairman, to be reappointed; 2. Harold Skramstad, the archeologist member, to be reappointed; 3. Leroy Campbell of Louis Fry to fill Larry Turner's position; 4. Hugh Jacobsen or Arthur Moore to fill the late Nicholas Satterlee's position; 5. James Banks or William Press to fill the late Constance Green's position. Eric Menke, Robert Plavnick, Letitia Brown, and Don Lethbridge would continue their terms. The Commission unanimously approved this slate for transmittal to the Mayor and the National Capital Planning Commission. EXHIBIT A

B. Design Studies for Pennsylvania Avenue between 13th and 15th Streets, N.W., and Pershing Memorial Site. The Assistant Secretary



told the members that since their last action disapproving the design of the western terminus of Pennsylvania Avenue additional study and community opinion had been sought. The Commission recommended that the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation restudy the area from the Ellipse to 13th Street, N.W. with an eye to a higher level of urban design, a simpler traffic system, and less street closing. PADC had agreed to study traffic and design implications in this area including various historical plans for the area which had created a western plaza as a forecourt for the District Building. The staff had found community sentiment in favor of this study and direction. The Assistant Secretary told that the PADC had performed this study with encouraging results. The D.C. Department of Transportation and the PADC traffic consultants would be at the Commission meeting later to explain their progress. The members reviewed their previous actions and withheld further discussion until the open session.

## II. OPEN SESSION - ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of November, 1975 meeting, approved.

B. Next meeting date was set at Thursday, February 26, 1976.

C. CFA Letter of December 19, 1976, to D.C. Zoning Commission. regarding Subdivision of Historic Properties. The Assistant Secretary told the members that a letter had been sent to the Zoning Commission suggesting investigation of the problems caused to historic districts without review of subdivision or assemblies of property for speculative new construction. Several examples within the Georgetown area had precipitated community concern and studies of administrative procedures had been undertaken by the District Government. The Commission unanimously approved the letter.

D. Pending D.C. Legislation on Subdivision of Historic Properties - Report. The Assistant Secretary told the Commission that the District Government in a joint action by the Mayor and the City Council was preparing draft legislation to deal with the problem of subdivision of historic properties on a citywide basis. The bill had not been assigned a number or hearing dates, but the Commission would be kept informed of all developments with an interest in testifying on the bill at the appropriate time. The Chairman asked the staff to follow through since the bill dealt with an area of vital Commission concern.

E. H.R. 10306, Authorizing Federal Purchase of the Scott-Grant House - Report on the Congressional Hearing. The Assistant Secretary told the members that he and the Secretary had appeared at a hearing of the Ways and Means House Committee to testify in opposition to the



bill. The proposed legislation would have taken the property now occupied and restored from the private owner and caused the removal of a new outbuilding-residence, now under construction, and been a clear intervention of the Federal government in local affairs. Existing Commission position and actions constituted this position which had been approved by the Chairman. The Commission unanimously approved the statement and voted to add nothing in addition to the record.

### III. OPEN SESSION - SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

#### A. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation

Design Studies for Pennsylvania Avenue between 13th and 15th Streets, N.W. and Pershing Memorial Site - Resubmission. The project was represented by Mr. Nathaniel Owings, member of the Corporation board; Messers John Woodbridge, Lee Allen, and Bob Moon of the PADC staff; and Mr. Cy Paumier, the PADC consultant designer.

The Secretary introduced Mr. Woodbridge, Executive Director of the PADC. Mr. Woodbridge told the Commission of the efforts he and his staff had made to study the Commission's suggestions in November. He indicated that the studies were far from complete, but that the PADC was reopening the issue of this area's design and were delighted with the urban design opportunities therein. Mr. Owings told the Commission he was particularly pleased with the coming studies and that he felt the opportunity of having the various design and planning staffs work together would result in the best possible design team.

The Chairman told the PADC representatives that the Commission was delighted with the developments and that they were not convinced that closing Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the Willard would result in the best solution. After some general discussion the Commission indicated their willingness to continue to work toward the best possible solution and their unanimous appreciation for the PADC efforts.

#### E. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development (out of agenda order)

##### Old Georgetown Act

1. OG 76-94, 3000 M Street, N.W., Hotel/Office/Commercial Complex. The project was represented by Mr. Al Wheeler, the applicant; Messers L. Owens and Harry Knight, the architects; Mr. Wayne S. Quin, who represented Vega Corporation; and others. The Assistant Secretary





told the members that the project had been reviewed twice by the Old Georgetown Board who had studied the plans, asked questions, and inspected the site. The Board reported that they felt the Commission should recommend additional study of the facade and massing of the proposed complex. The Assistant Secretary stated that it was the applicant's desire to have a traditionally styled building and that this desire had been echoed by other elements of the Georgetown community. In particular the Georgetown Citizens Association had requested that the Commission of Fine Arts encourage traditionally styled buildings, in place of "fad" architecture. The Georgetown Board had made no particular ruling on any style for this particular project.

Mr. Wheeler, as applicant, made a presentation indicating his extensive experience with building in Georgetown and in particular with his hotel on Thomas Jefferson Street, which would back up to the proposed project. He stated his preference for a "Colonial" style structure and his willingness to cooperate in any way with the Commission in getting what is good for Georgetown.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wheeler for his statement and told of the Commission's interest and concern with his project since it would occupy an extremely important part of the historic district. He further stated that the Commission's objective was to achieve a quality of architecture which would be appropriate to Georgetown rather than any particular style, such as "contemporary". General discussion ensued, with Mr. Vanderpool restating the Board's recommendation that restudy be called for.

The Commission unanimously disapproved the project and asked for additional mass and facade study. They indicated that if Mr. Wheeler intended to have a traditionally styled building he had not gone far enough in recapturing the scale, texture, and cornice height of the existing and previous M Street buildings in this block. The Commission suggested a restudy with more sympathy to a recall of what had originally been on the site.

2. OG 76-93, 1211 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Facade Alterations. The project was represented by Messers James P. Sullivan and Robert T. Giaimo. The Secretary said that the project involved the removal of a first floor store front on one of the finer historic Georgetown Federal buildings. Though the first floor conditions were far from original, the proposed design was a substantial departure from what had been approved in Georgetown before. The proposal included a curving glass front element, with brick paving and a contemporary "look" not before attempted in Georgetown. He said that the Georgetown Board, who were present, had recommended approval of the design. The Commission examined the drawings and unanimously approved the design



since it was to be located on a part of the building not originally exposed above grade, and was a good quality design which complimented the existing masonry openings in the building.

3. Appendix 1, approved.

Shipstead-Luce Act

Appendix 2, approved.

C. Smithsonian Institution  
(out of agenda order)

Mall Graphics. The project was represented by Susan Hamilton and Paul Perrot of the Smithsonian Institution, Mr. L. A. Rowell of the National Capital Parks, and the consultant designers Messers Lance Wyman and Bill Cannan.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Perrot who told of the Smithsonian's efforts at providing coordinated Mall graphics, signage direction maps, etc. for their museums in the monumental area of Washington. Messers Wyman and Cannas told the Commission that they had been commissioned to prepare the material which would identify and locate all elements of the Smithsonian Complex for visitors and that this was to be done in the very near future. They showed the Commission slides which indicated a set of map-models which would be set up throughout the museum area as well as banners, signs, and logos for the various museums.

The Commission lauded the effort at providing a unified design for all these elements but questioned the use of permanent metal banners from the light fixtures on the Mall. The members suggested that washable plastic coated canvas or some flexible material would be more festive and appropriate. The members also suggested that the individual logos could be a matter left to the individual agencies. Mr. Stone suggested that the vertical map-case kiosks were a bit thinly proportioned. Otherwise the Commission unanimously approved the graphics program as presented.

EXHIBIT G

B. General Services Administration

1. Winder Building - Restoration. The project was represented by Messers J. Smerak and C. Renner of GSA and Messers G. Wright and R. Bergmann, the consultant architects.

The Secretary introduced Mr. Richard Bergmann, the restoration



architect. Mr. Bergmann told of his efforts at restoring the exterior appearance of the building and the original character of the interior. He said that the building would be upgraded mechanically, stabilized structurally, and some modern elements would be added for fire safety, etc. Though there were some questions about minor details and the stucco scoring and landscaping the Commission was pleased by the sensitivity of the design and restoration plans. The Chairman asked Mr. Jennings, of the CFA staff, to stay on top of the details of the project and to offer any assistance. The Commission unanimously approved the project, but felt additional information on the final details and landscaping should be forthcoming. EXHIBIT H

At this point the Chairman excused himself from the meeting. Mr. Stone acted as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Landscaping of the Virginia Heating Plant East of the Pentagon. The project was represented by Mr. John Snell of GSA. Mr. Snell indicated that the Virginia Highway Department had prepared the plans to accommodate the Commission of Fine Arts suggestion to GSA that the plant be screened as much as possible.

Mr. Carson, of the CFA staff, told the members that he and others of the staff had examined the drawings and questioned the screening potential of the proposed planting. He found the landscaping a bit fussy and questionable for this site. Mr. Stone also examined the drawings and suggested that they would not have a screening effect and that some restudy of larger tree cover and less ornamental shrub would be in order. The Commission unanimously agreed with Mr. Stone that the project design should be restudied. Mr. Carson was instructed to work with the GSA to achieve the best solution.

G. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Mint

Mrs. Lusher of the Commission staff presented six medal designs which were to be struck during 1976 in conjunction with the Bicentennial. The Commission lamented the quality of all of the designs stating that the Bureau of the Mint would not take their advice about upgrading the quality of such medals which were considered important works of art in most other countries of the world. The actions were as follows:

1. 1975 Medal: Obverse, Paul Revere; Reverse, Minute Man. Not approved.

2. 1976 Medal: Obverse, Thomas Jefferson; Reverse, Declaration of Independence. Not approved.

3. 1976 National Medal: Obverse, Statue of Liberty; Reverse, Great Seal. Not approved.



4. Bicentennial of the United States Army Medal. Not approved.
5. Bicentennial of the United States Marine Corps Medal. Not approved.
6. Bicentennial of the United States Navy Medal. Not approved.

EXHIBIT I

F. D.C. Government, Department of Housing and Community Development (formerly Redevelopment Land Agency)  
(out of agenda order)

"Streets for People" Pay Telephone Booths. There were no project representatives. The Assistant Secretary showed the Commission photographs of the proposed phone booths. The Commission had previously approved this design for other areas. The design at first approved for the project area was inaccessible to wheel chairs - therefore the shift. The Commission approved the change unanimously.

EXHIBIT J

D. D.C. Government  
(out of agenda order)

National Children's Island. There were no project representatives present. The Assistant Secretary presented a roll of drawings and several colored perspectives of the detail designs for this children's amusement and recreation area. He said that construction was under way and that the staff could detect no provisions outside the Commission's original endorsement or concept of the project. Mr. Stone stated that he would need more time and material to properly evaluate the project. The Commission withheld formal action pending Mr. Stone's report.

#### IV. LEGISLATION

A. S. 1847, 94th Congress (Enrolled Bill), "To authorize the One Hundred and First Airborne Division Association to erect a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs." The Secretary told of the Commission's continued opposition to the memorialization of individual military units in the District of Columbia and the fact that they had recommended against this type of bill in the past. He stated that the bill required Commission of Fine Arts approval and proper review by all local agencies. Since the bill had been approved by both Houses of Congress the Commission had to recommend to the President whether or not the bill should be vetoed. The members discussed the matter deciding that since both Houses of Congress had approved the proposed memorial, the Commission would direct its efforts





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17 February, 1976

Memo to: Lorenzo W. Jacobs, Jr., State Historic Preservation  
Officer for the District of Columbia  
From: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts  
Subject: Appointments to the Joint Committee on Landmarks of the  
National Capital

The Commission of Fine Arts considered the matter of appointments to the Joint Committee on Landmarks at its meeting on January 27, 1976. We would like to pass the following names along to you for your consideration at the present time. This list also has the concurrence of the National Capital Planning Commission staff.

Two of the suggested members are presently on the Committee and have agreed to continue to serve if reappointed.

The suggested reappointees for terms expiring September 30, 1978, are Henry H. Brylawski, attorney, and Harold K. Skramstad, historical archeologist.

The suggested appointee for the term expiring September 30, 1978, is either Louis E. Fry, Jr., architect, or Leroy Campbell, architect.

The suggested appointee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the late Constance McLaughlin Green, for a term expiring September 30, 1976, is either James G. Banks, Vice-President of the Board of Realtors, or William H. Press, retired Executive Vice-President of the Washington Board of Trade.

The suggested appointee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Nicholas Satterlee for a term expiring September 30, 1976, is either Arthur Cotton Moore, architect, or Hugh Newell Jacobsen, architect.

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Mr. Jacobs  
17 February, 1976

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We hope that early action is possible on filling the existing vacancies.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Atherton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charles H. Atherton  
Secretary

cc: Charles H. Conrad  
National Capital Planning Commission



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6 February, 1976

Dear Mr. Klauber:

The Commission of Fine Arts has been asked to review the matter of a proposed subdivision of original lot 222, part of 252 and 253, and the remainder of lot 221 in Square 1267 into four lots. The property is now improved by a detached dwelling and two outbuildings at 2819 P Street, N.W. and known as the Dodge-Marshburn House. The Director of the Municipal Planning Office requested this Commission's views on the proposed subdivision and that these views be sent to the Zoning Commission.

Under provisions of the Old Georgetown Act, Public Law 808, the Commission of Fine Arts has been required to review all demolition permits for the Georgetown historic district. Part of the proposal for this subdivision and construction of new dwellings on the property assumes the demolition of two outbuildings. No application for the demolition of these outbuildings has yet been submitted to the Commission. They may or may not have architectural merit or historical importance in reflecting the character of the early years of Georgetown and the relationship of a main house to its gardens and dependencies. Thus the Commission is not in a position to recommend their removal as a matter of course. We specifically recommend their review prior to any action which could affect the appearance and historic value of the property in question. We recommend that the Zoning Commission not act on any subdivision until these questions are properly addressed by both the Commission of Fine Arts and the Joint Committee on Landmarks.

Within historic districts, this Commission has been opposed to any action which would result in the destruction of historic buildings, impairment of historic values, changes to the character or scale of a streetscape, or loss of open space when such a loss would detract from the public value of an important building. Both subdivision and assembly of land have the potential to disrupt

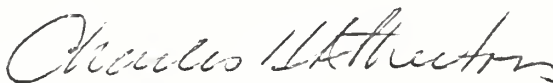
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historic districts on a city-wide basis. Because of this we hope it would be possible to deny the requested subdivision until the Commission has had a chance to consider such subdivision at one of its regularly scheduled meetings, usually the third Wednesday of each month.

The premises known as the Dodge-Marshburn House is one of the finer free-standing residences in the Georgetown historic district. The relationship of the house to its grounds and outbuildings is a question that must be examined carefully before any assessment can be made.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Atherton".

Charles H. Atherton  
Secretary

Mr. Martin Klauber  
Executive Secretary  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
11 District Building  
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6 February, 1976

Dear Mr. Klauber:

The Commission of Fine Arts has been asked to review a proposed subdivision of parts of lots 268, 270, and 271 in Square 1267 into three lots. The property is now improved by a detached dwelling under the address of 1534 28th Street, N.W., and is known as the Robert Dodge House. The Director of the Municipal Planning Office requested this Commission's views on the proposed subdivision and that these views be sent to the Zoning Commission.

Within historic districts, this Commission has been opposed to any action which would impair historic values, change the character or scale of a streetscape, fill in existing open space where the open space comprised an important part of the architectural setting, or otherwise detract from the public value. Both subdivision and assembly of land have the potential to disrupt historic districts on a city-wide basis. Because of this and other long-standing policies we feel that it would be best not to act on the requested subdivision without the Commission of Fine Arts first considering such subdivision at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. The full Commission of Fine Arts generally meets on third Wednesdays of each month, and the Old Georgetown Board meets on alternate Wednesdays in accord with provisions of the Old Georgetown Act, Public Law 808.

We will be most happy to take up this matter and report back to you at our earliest opportunity. Please give me a call if this presents problems.

Sincerely yours,



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6 February, 1976

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202-343-3324

Dear Mr. Klauber:

The Commission of Fine Arts has been asked to review the matter of a proposed subdivision of original lots 20, 21, 30, 31, and part of 32 in Square 1203 into seven lots. The property is improved with the premises known as Prospect House at 3508 Prospect Street, N.W. and its outbuildings. The Director of the Municipal Planning Office requested this Commission's views on the proposed subdivision and that these views be sent to the Zoning Commission.

Within historic districts, this Commission has been opposed to any action which would impair historic values, change the character or scale of a streetscape, fill in existing open space where the open space comprised an important part of the architectural setting, or otherwise detract from the public value. Both subdivision and assembly of land have the potential to disrupt historic districts on a city-wide basis. Because of this and other long-standing policies we feel that it would be best not to act on the requested subdivision without the Commission of Fine Arts first considering such subdivision at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. The full Commission of Fine Arts generally meets on third Wednesdays of each month, and the Old Georgetown Board meets on alternate Wednesdays in accord with provisions of the Old Georgetown Act, Public Law 808.

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17 February, 1976

Memo to: Ms. Susan Hamilton, Bicentennial Coordinator, Smithsonian Institution  
From: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts  
Subject: Mall Graphics Program

At the meeting on the Commission of Fine Arts on January 27, the principal concern focused on the pendants to be attached to the Olmsted lighting standards on the Mall. Should they be metal, and look rather permanent, or vinyl canvas, and be temporary in every sense? I believe the Commission leaned to the latter but was willing to put off a final decision until viewing a mockup at the forthcoming meeting on February 26.

The information kiosk presented no serious problems - at least none emerged during the review session. The design has just enough whimsy and historic recall without getting too precious. I've talked to David Scott since the meeting, and he feels placing one smack up against the new Gallery addition or the Hirshhorn Gallery may not be such a good idea, which is a feeling I share but not in such strong terms. His suggested solution to remove the roof of the kiosk in these one or two cases seems sensible enough on the surface. I'd rather just remove the offending structure to a safe distance, and let it speak the same message as all the others.

The Chairman is away all week; otherwise this would have been in the form of an official action signed by him. Hope this will suffice in the meantime.

We look forward to seeing the mockup on the 26th.

Signed,



Charles H. Atherton  
Secretary



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19 February, 1976

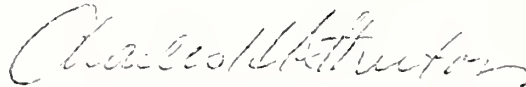
Memo to: Mr. Wayne Kulig, Project Manager, Winder Building  
From: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts  
Subject: Renovation and Restoration of the Winder Building

The tentative drawings for the Winder Building restoration were reviewed at our meeting on January 27. In lieu of a formal letter of action signed by the Chairman, I am submitting this to you as an interim report.

Generally speaking, the Commission is encouraged by the progress Mr. Bergmann is making. Most of the exterior work appears to be sympathetic to the original building, and has the approval of the Commission.

A number of details were raised in a staff report to the Commission that was not fully discussed at the time of the meeting, although your architect reviewed essentially the same subject matter with us prior to the meeting. We would hope to have the opportunity of keeping in touch with him through your office as the designs are more fully developed.

Signed,



Charles H. Atherton  
Secretary

Exhibit H.





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25 February, 1976

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

At its meeting on January 27, 1976, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed a set of three medals, commemorating the Bicentennials of the United States Armed Forces. They were unanimously disapproved.

All three medals were unnecessarily cluttered, and the designs, which were hardly outstanding, contained several items whose precise meaning was not clear and which did not seem to be particularly relevant. Elements of scale, composition, and proportion also seemed to be mishandled, particularly in the reverse design for the Navy medal, which might otherwise have been acceptable.

It is this Commission's hope that the general quality of submissions from the Mint might be improved and that medals produced by the United States government might in future be something of which to be proud.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

J. Carter Brown  
Chairman

Hon. Mary Brooks  
Director  
Bureau of the Mint  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Exhibit I-1.



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March 5, 1976

Dear Bill:

At its meeting on January 27, 1976, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed six Bicentennial-oriented medals submitted by the Bureau of the Mint. Like most of the Mint's recent submissions to this Commission, they were all of unacceptable quality and were unanimously disapproved. In addition, we were informed that one of the medals had already been struck. Unfortunately, the incident is all too typical of the Mint's attitudes and operations in recent years.

In an effort to upgrade the general design quality of Mint-produced medals, this Commission has repeatedly contacted the Mint regarding both the poor caliber of Mint designs and the frequent submission of medals after they are in production, if they are submitted at all. We have not been able to establish a working relationship to try to solve these problems. In many countries medallic art is a highly respected and refined form, and one which generates a certain amount of national pride; in light especially of the Bicentennial and the ongoing efforts to upgrade government design in general, it seems a pity that our own government-produced medallic art is so generally inferior and its producers seem so uninterested in improving its quality.

In the spirit of the cooperation evidenced by the Federal Design Assembly, we would like to see established a better relationship between this agency and the Mint to see if our government-produced medallic art can be improved. One existing way would be the enforcement of Executive Order 3524, which orders that "essential matters relating to the design of



medals, insignia and coins, produced by the executive departments... shall be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for advice as to the merits of such designs before the executive officer having charge of the same shall approve thereof." Compliance with the Order and an effort to cooperate with the Commission's advice would seem to be one means of bringing Mint-produced medalllic art up to a standard worthy of our own national pride.

Other means might also include such things as limited design competitions rather than such a complete reliance on the resources of the Mint's own design staff, or perhaps the designation of a subcommittee or task force of this Commission to work closely with the Mint in the production of its designs.

We stand ready to help upgrade our national medalllic art in any way possible, and hope that you will be able to assist us and the Mint in our efforts to do so.

Sincerely yours,



J. Carter Brown  
Chairman

The Honorable William E. Simon  
The Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20220

enclosures: Copies of letters to Mrs. Brooks of 25 February 1976  
and 11 July 1969



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2 March, 1976

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

At its meeting on January 27, 1976, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed an alternative to the previously approved pay telephone booth for the "Streets for People" program. The design was approved.

Sincerely yours,



Charles H. Atherton  
Secretary

Mr. Lorenzo W. Jacobs, Jr.  
Director  
D.C. Department of Housing  
and Community Development  
1325 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005





January 29, 1976

Dear Mr. Frey:

The Commission on Fine Arts has no objection to the President's signing of S. 1087, a bill to authorize the One Hundred and First Airborne Division Association to erect a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

Sincerely yours,

SIGN

J. Carter Brown  
Chairman

Mr. James H. Frey  
Assistant Director  
for Legislative Reference  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503

JCB/po

(Delivered by messenger)

Exhibit K.



The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution and the Commission of Fine Arts, as provided in Paragraph 4 of the Codicil to the Will of the late Charles L. Freer, have examined the following objects:

- 1 Chinese bronze; Shang dynasty (late 12th-11th century B.C.)  
hsien.
- 1 Thai bronze; Lodpuri, 12th-13th century; Buddha image; square base; mandorla; tree finial and plinth; green patina. (In five components.)
- 1 Persian glass; 13th century; bottle.
- 1 Japanese lacquer; Momoyama period, 1573-1615; table with mother-of-pearl.
- 1 Chinese manuscript (calligraphy); Ch'ing dynasty; by Wang Shih-min, 1592-1680; ink on paper; hanging scroll.
- 1 Japanese painting; Edo period, 1615-1868; Nanga school; by Takahashi Sohei, 1804-1834; "Four Seasons." Ink and colors on paper; handscroll.
- 1 Japanese painting; Edo period, 1615-1868; Ukiyoe school; by Hokusai, 19th century; ink on paper; sketchbook.
- 1 Chinese pottery; Ming dynasty, late 16th-early 17th century; large Swatow ware dish; two deer, pines, stream.
- 1 Chinese pottery; Yüan dynasty, 14th century; blue-and-white bowl.
- 1 Chinese pottery; Ming dynasty, 15th century; blue-and-white  
kendi.
- 1 Japanese pottery; Edo period, 17th century; Arita ware apothecary bottle; blue and white.
- 1 Japanese pottery; Edo period, late 17th-early 18th century; Kakiemon style dish; underglaze blue with enamel decoration; birds, pine, plum and bamboo.

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